

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA 1915(b)(4) PROGRAM

Project Name:	Models of Excellence-Health Alliance Program for Asthma and Diabetic Pharmaceuticals and Supplies
Project Initial Approval:	September 11, 2002
Project Implementation:	November 1, 2002
Project Initial Expiration:	October 31, 2004

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The State of Louisiana, Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), submitted a 1915(b)(4) waiver request for a mail order pharmacy program. The program entitled, Models of Excellence-Health Alliance Program for Asthma and Diabetic Pharmaceuticals and Supplies, will allow the State to selectively contract with vendor(s) to provide pharmaceutical and durable medical equipment (DME) products and supplies for Medicaid recipients, who have been identified as having an asthma or diabetes diagnosis. This is a new service offered by Louisiana Medicaid and participation in the waiver program is mandatory for identified recipients. The State anticipates serving 166,000 Medicaid recipients under this waiver. The selected contractor(s) will also provide disease education to program recipients. Through a competitive bid Health Alliance has been selected as the potential vendor and was the only respondent to the request for bids. The draft contract was submitted with the 1915(b)(4) application.

HEALTH CARE DELIVERY

Under the Models of Excellence-Health Alliance Program for Asthma and Diabetic Pharmaceuticals and Supplies, the selected vendor(s) will provide for delivery of pharmaceuticals and supplies via mail to the homes of Medicaid recipients who have asthma or diabetes. The vendor(s) will be reimbursed on a fee-for-service (FFS) basis.

BENEFIT PACKAGE

The waiver provides for delivery of pharmaceuticals and supplies via mail to the homes of Medicaid recipients who have asthma or diabetes. The vendor(s) will provide disease education at no cost. Recipients requiring emergency pharmaceuticals and supplies will access them according to existing DHH procedures that allows recipients to present prescriptions for emergency pharmaceuticals and supplies to any licensed pharmacist.

COST EFFECTIVENESS

Louisiana projects savings of \$4,853,745 during the 2-year waiver period.

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